Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what other mills are sanctioned which are in crowded places than that of Mr. Sankaranarayana Ayyar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice on that point.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know where the mill mentioned at page 12, Perinjeri Inasu Ouseph, Pallikulam lane, is? Is it not just behind the Eringeri Angadi, the most crowded part of the Trichur town?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know where that mill is.

Motor Service.

182. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any of the motor services running between Ernakulam and Kottayam belong to Cochinites;

(b) how many buses run daily between these places; what are their timings to leave Ernakulam; who are the owners of these buses;

(c) whether any of these bus owners has got direct service to Trivandurm; and if so, who has got it;

(d) how many of the buses running between Ernakulam and Kottayam stopped the service during March and April 1930 and what is the reason therefor?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Vide statement enclosed. (*Vide Appendix* V.)

(c) None. But it is understood that Fancy and Joseph buses have connected service from Kottayam to Trivandrum.

(d) Three; two of Joseph Bros., T. V. R. 1802 and 1803, and one of Automobiles, T. V. R. 2472 for a short period to attend to certain repairs.

Witness batta in the Criminal Courts.

183. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total budget allotment under the heading 'Witness batta' in the criminal courts for the years 1104 and 1105; the names of Magistrates, if any, who had asked the parties te deposit witness batta in warrant cases; under what section of the Criminal Procedure Code have the Magistrates asked for these deposits; is it not contrary to section 2 of the Criminal Procedure Code?

(b) were there cases during the last two years in which complaints were dismissed as the parties did not deposit batta in warant cases; if so what were the cases and who were the Magistrates;

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(c) are the Government aware that witnesses in warrant cases somtimes are not paid in time for want of funds under the heading witness batta?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The following statement shows the budget allotment under witness batta for 1104 and 1105.

Name of courts	1104		1105	
	Original budget allotment	Allotment after transfer at the end	Original budget allotment	Allotment after transfer at the end
All State Magistrates' Courts (excluding Cranganur)	2,700	3,260	3,000	3,450
Cranganur Magistrate's Court	75	125	125	125

Under section 233 (2) of the Criminal Procedure Code the Magistrates are empowered to ask the defence to deposit witness expenses and the Magistrates follow that procedure. There is no specific proivsion in the Code authorising the Magistrates to ask the complainants in warrant cases to deposit witness expenses. In all cases of private complaints it was the old practice for the parties (complainant as well as accused) to deposit the expenses of the witnesses and this practice is even now followed by the Sub-Magistrates of Kanayannur and Cochin. There is no provision of law to compel the complainants to deposit witness expenses. Section 2 of the Criminal Procedure Code noted in the question has no application to the levy of witness expenses. The section noted seems to be a mistake.

(b) There were no cases during the last 2 years in which complaints were dismissed as the parties did not deposit batta in warrant cases.

(c) Sometimes payment has to be delayed for short periods for want of allotment in the budget grant.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer given is 'There is no specific provision in the Code athorising the Magistrates to ask the complainants in warrant cases to deposit witness expenses. In all cases of private complaints it was the old practice for the parties to deposit expenses' I want to know why this practice is allowed in this court even though there is no provision of law to do that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For the simple reason that it was the old practice, and it is continued.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If it is against law, can an old practice be continued ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no provision of law that it should not be done. It is not against law.

Improvement of roads in Cranganur.

184. Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—With reference to the answer to the question No. 405 of the legislative session of the year:—

will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) അഴീക്കോട്--അരാകുളം റോഡിന്റെ പണി ഒഴിച്ചു മറ്റൊരോ റോഡിന്റെയും പണിക്കു കരാർ ഏറ്റിരിക്കുന്നതായെല്ലാമാണ്;

(b) പബ്ലിക്ക്വർക്സ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിന്റെ കീഴിൽ സംരക്ഷണം ചെയ്യാത്ത റോഡുകൾ ഒന്നുമില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത് എങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അറിവു പ്രമാണിച്ചാണ്;

(c) ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ അവർകളോ അസിസ്റ്റാണ്ട എഞ്ചിനീയരോ പ്രസ്തുത പണികൾ പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ—(a) കോട്ടപ്പുറം റോഡിന്റെ സംരക്ഷണംപണി കെ. എസ്സ്. പരമു എന്നാൾക്കും, അഴീക്കോടുറോഡ്, ആശുപത്രി റോഡ, കുരിയാപ്പിള്ളി-കോതപറമ്പു റോഡ, ഇവകൾ എൻ കൃഷ്ണവാരിയർ എന്നാൾക്കുമാണ്.

(b) ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ അർത്ഥം മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല.

(c) ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(c) ഉണ്ട്. ചീഫ ഇഞ്ചിനീയരവർകളോ, അസിസ്റ്റൻറ ഇഞ്ചിനീയരോ ആരാണ പരിശോധിച്ചത?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—ചിലതു ചീഫ ഇഞ്ചിനീയരും ചിലതു അസിസ്റ്റൻറ ഇഞ്ചിനീയരും പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Ernakulam Municipality-Lighting.

185. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is not true that municiptl lights generally burn during the months of Mithunam and Karkadagam for the whole night irrespective of the rise of the Moon;

(2) and in the other months (except Thulam up to 2 a. m.) beginning with the setting in of darkness;

(3) are not the electric lights put up on the Broadway generally switched off by 9 p. m.;

(4) when does the last passenger train to Ernakulam now scheduled to reach Ernakulam at night?

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